

Halloween Festivities during COVID-19

CONSIDERATIONS FOR A SAFE HOLIDAY



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Trick or Treaters

- Trick or treat with people you live with
- Remain 6 feet apart from people not in your household
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose. Do not use a costume mask in place of cloth mask unless it is made of 2 or more layers of breathable fabric, covers your mouth and nose, and doesn't leave gaps
- Hand sanitize (with sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol) frequently while out if soap and water are not available
- Be respectful of homes/families who choose not to participate (those with porch lights off)
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home and enjoy your candy once it is inspected by your guardians
- Keep your candy at home and do not share with those outside of your household



Homeowners

Handing treats to children who go door to door is considered a higher risk activity, so this year:

- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose
- Prepare candy in individually wrapped goodie bags (with clean hands)
- Position a distribution table between yourself and trick-or-treaters or set the table at the end of your driveway or yard
- Distribute candy on disinfected table to eliminate direct contact
- Wash hands often



Caretakers and Guardians

- Talk with your children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations
- Guide children to stay on the right side of the road and always to ensure distance
- Carry a flashlight at night and ensure your children have reflective clothing
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose
- Wash your hands as soon as you return home
- Inspect candy for open packaging or other concerns



Events

- Parties should follow this holiday guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>
- If planning a community event, contact the Hendricks County Health Department at (317) 718-6008 for additional guidance

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Do not host or participate in any in-person festivities, if you or anyone in your household:

- Is in isolation
- Has symptoms of COVID-19
- Is waiting for COVID-19 viral test results
- May have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- Is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19

If you are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or live or work with someone at increased risk of severe illness, you should:

- Avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in your household.
- Avoid larger gatherings and consider attending activities that pose lower risk if you decide to attend an in-person gathering with people who do not live in your household.

These recommendations from the Hendricks County Health Department may change based on current, local COVID-19 reporting and/or the Indiana Department of Health's recommendations. Published 9/22/2020.

References: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>; <https://www.halloween2020.org/>;
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>